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CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO MAKE NOW

Fall preserving season is a convenient and economical time to put up Christmas presents. Friends who do not have facilities for making them would welcome gifts of choice homemade preserves, marmalades, fruit pickles and jellies.

Pears make several products that are ideal Christmas gifts. Kieffer pears make excellent gingered preserves. The little Seckel pears may be preserved whole. They are also delicious pickled. To make preserved Seckel pears, remove the blossom ends but not the stems, cook the pears in sirup made from 1 pound of sugar and 1 cup of water to each pound of fruit. Add half a lemon, sliced, for each pound of fruit. Boil gently until the fruit is tender and somewhat clear. Peaches and crabapples also are excellent for pickling.

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